



Our own private Tuscan Villa! October 3 - 12, 2025

\$6,995 per guest (double) \$8,795 per guest (single)



Tour includes:

- 7 nights at our own private Tuscany estate in Monticiano, Province of Siena
- 1 night in Florence, with an option for additional guided pre-trip nights there.
- Private chef meals in Villa as well as fine dining in local Tuscan villages.
- Florence's Piazza del Duomo and Uffizi Gallery
- Visit San Gimignano with guided wine and olive oil tours & tastings
- Guided tours to Siena
- Guided tour to Pienza and LakeTrasimeno
- All meals, full menu where available
- All attractions, guides & activities
- Escorted by Globe Treks tour manager
- Home pick-up service & luggage handling
- Tour limited to 20 guests

(Prices and itineraries subject to change)

Italian Getaway Pre-Trip to Florence: Departing September 30 for 3 Nights in Florence

Experience the enchanting essence of Italy on this unforgettable experience with our own private Villa in Tuscany. The entire estate will be at our disposal highlighted by dining with our own chefs in house as well as visits to local restaurants in the area. We will begin our adventure with a short tour of Florence before heading south to the enchanting village of Monticiano and our own private estate! During the week we will enjoy olive oil and wine tastings near San Gimignano, wander through picturesque Chianti wine country, enjoy handson experiences like an authentic pasta cooking class, and immersion in the medieval charms of Siena. From the tranquility of a Tuscan villa to the vibrant pulse of Florence, this trip offers the perfect balance of relaxation, exploration, and Italian culinary delights.

INCLUDED: Round trip airfare into Florence (FLR) on October 3 and out of Florence on October 12. Pre-trip is an additional \$2994 per guest, double occupancy, \$3593 single.

Pre-Trip Itinerary

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 *Departure for Florence* Pre-trip travelers depart for Florence, Italy, where you'll get an early start exploring the wonders of Tuscany.

Wed, October 1, 2025 *Welcome and Introductory Tour in Florence* Upon arrival and check-in, pre-trip you will gather for a relaxing, introductory tour of Florence. This brief afternoon excursion offers a taste of the city's rich culture, historic architecture, and vibrant streets.

Thurs, October 2, 2025 Full Day Exploration of Florence Today is dedicated to experiencing the best of Florence's historic and cultural sites. The day begins at Piazza Del Duomo with a tour of the impressive Cathedral, including a look at the Loggia dei Lanzi, with its replica of Michelangelo's David. Travelers will stroll across the Ponte Vecchio, taking in views of the Arno River, before continuing to Basilica di Santa Croce, the resting place of famed Italian figures like Michelangelo and Galileo. The rich history and architecture of Florence come alive with this tour.

Fri, October 3, 2025 (fly day for main group) Final Day in Florence – Uffizi Gallery & Leather

School On your last pre-trip day in Florence, you'll visit the Uffizi Gallery to explore masterpieces by Botticelli, da Vinci. Next, you'll head to the Scuola del Cuoio, a historic leather-making school, where you'll see skilled artisans at work and learn about Florence's leathercrafting legacy. The day concludes with time in Piazza Santa Croce for shopping, dining, and soaking up the Florentine atmosphere.

<u>Tuscan Villa Itinerary</u>

Sat, October 4, 2025 Additional arrivals to Florence, Transfer to our private Italian Villa The main group arrives in Florence and will join pre-trip travelers for a half day of sightseeing before the 1.5 hour scenic drive to southern Tuscany. Afterward, both groups transfer to an exquisite Italian villa in the countryside where you will have ample time to settle into the villa and prepare for the week ahead.

Sun, October 5, 2025 Chianti Wine Country Tour Discover the scenic wine country of Chianti. You'll visit enchanting hilltop villages like Castellina in Chianti, Radda in Chianti, and Gaiole in Chianti for wine tastings that capture the essence of the region. A special lunch is planned at La Grotta de la Rana in the tiny, picturesque village of San Sano, where you will enjoy authentic Italian fare in a cozy, rustic setting.

Mon, October 6, 2025 Olive Oil Tasting and San

Gimignano Visit Witness the art of olive oil production, and enjoy an olive oil tasting. Learn about the distinct flavors that vary by region and cultivation method. In the afternoon, you'll head to **San Gimignano**, a medieval hill town known for its towers and sweeping views of the Tuscan countryside. Discover the rich history and charm that make San Gimignano a must-see in Tuscany.

Tue, October 7, 2025 *Day Trip to Siena* Today you will venture to **Siena**, a city celebrated for its stunning medieval architecture and the famous **Piazza del Campo**. Here, you'll learn about the traditions of the Palio horse race and enjoy Siena's unique atmosphere, with time to explore landmarks like **Siena Cathedral**. The day provides a deeper connection to Tuscany's heritage and artistry.

Wed, October 8, 2025 Italian Cooking Class Today features a hands-on Italian cooking experience. You will participate in a pasta-making class led by a local chef, gaining techniques for crafting authentic Italian dishes. After preparing a meal together, everyone will savor the fruits of their labor during a group lunch, celebrating Italian cuisine in an interactive way.

Thurs, October 9, 2025 *Pienza & Lake Trasimeno* In the morning, travelers head east to **Pienza**, a charming town renowned for its Renaissance architecture and delectable pecorino cheese. You'll enjoy strolling through Pienza's cobbled streets before continuing to **Lake Trasimeno**, where you can unwind and take in the serene lakeside views. This peaceful day balances scenic exploration with relaxation.

Fri, October 10, 2025 Free Day for Independent Exploration A free day allows you to create your own adventure! You may choose to relax at the villa, take a short trip to a nearby village, revisit Florence, or explore other nearby Tuscan towns. This day offers you a chance to savor Tuscany in your own way.

Sat, October 11, 2025 *Return to Florence – Evening Opera* An afternoon to explore city highlights. In the evening, everyone will gather for a special opera sampler performance. It's a perfect way to conclude the week in Italy with culture and celebration.

Sun, October 12, 2025 *Departure Day* With hearts and minds filled with memories, travelers will depart from either Florence or Rome, heading home after an enriching journey through Tuscany.